

December 23, 2009

Notice – Rate Orders Signed

The Deputy Secretary of Energy has signed Rate Orders 144 and 148, Orders Confirming, Approving, and Placing the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program – Eastern Division Transmission and Ancillary Services and Transmission Service Penalty for Unreserved Use Formula Rates into effect on an interim basis on January 1, 2010.

The *Federal Register* notice announcing these rates is expected to be published during the week of December 28-31, 2009. Once the *Federal Register* notice is published, a letter will be sent to our transmission customers and other interested parties providing rate information and a copy of the *Federal Register* notice.

The rate announcement letter and *Federal Register* notice will also be posted to this web site and the Upper Great Plains Region Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS) web site.